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Base Realignment and Closure Attn: Mr. Darren Newton BRAC Environmental Coordinator 7040 Trabuco Road Irvine, California 92618

COMMENTS ON WORK PLAN FOR VADOSE ZONE CHARACTERIZATION AND SITE ASSESSMENT, FORMER UST GROUP 651, FORMER MARINE CORPS AIR STATION, EL TORO, SWRCB GEOTRACKER ID: T0605901129

Dear Mr. Newton:

We have reviewed the above referenced document, dated March 16, 2006, which we received on March 17, 2006. We have the following comments:

• Section 3.6, Reports, 4th Bullet - Nature and Extent of Contamination, Page 3-6 and Appendix A, 2.1 Purpose of the Investigation, 2nd paragraph, last sentence, Page 2-1: The VLEACH model is identified for evaluation of the data that will be collected. In the past, Board staff has disagreed with aspects of the application of VLEACH modeling as it has been applied at your release sites. If VLEACH is applied as it has been in the past, it is likely that we will not accept the VLEACH model results as an accurate predictor of potential impact(s) to groundwater at this site.

For any questions, please call me at (951) 782-4494, or send email to ibroderick@waterboards.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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